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UN troops encountered North Korean resistance varying from light to heavy as they pushed northward in west and central Korea. ROK troops drove the enemy out of Wonsan and advanced over a mile north of the port city. North Korean communication lines, ammunition dumps, and defensive installations were heavily attacked by surface elements of the UN fleet and by UN land and carrier-based aircraft.

Ground

Elements of the ROK I Corps drove remaining enemy troops out of Wonsan and continued advancing north over a mile beyond the city. In central Korea, the ROK 6th and 8th Divisions captured the communications center of Pyonggang and continued their advance three miles to the north against fairly stiff resistance along the main highway and railroad from Chorwon to Wonsan. Elements of the ROK 1st Division made only slight gains southwest of Chorwon against stubborn enemy resistance. In the western sector, the US 1st Cavalry Division encountered light to heavy resistance. Elements of the Division, supported by UK troops, made slight gains southeast and southwest of the key enemy defense position at Kumchon.

Navy

The enemy has heavily mined the approaches to Wonsan harbor and two US minesweepers have struck mines and sunk while clearing a channel. UN naval aircraft and surface vessels struck at military targets along the east and west coasts of North Korea. Songjin on the northeast coast received a heavy bombardment.

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UN aircraft provided close ground support to UN troops and struck at marshalling yards, bridges, vehicle convoys, and troop concentrations in North Korea. UN liaison and fighter aircraft are now using Wonsan airfield, which was captured in good condition. Fifteen damaged enemy aircraft of the IL-10 (close support dive bomber) type were found in the hangars at Wonsan airfield; the planes apparently had been demolished by retreating troops only within the past few days.

II. General Situation

A press dispatch from Wonsan adds confirmation to the estimate that North Korean armed forces are experiencing a serious manpower shortage and are losing the will to fight. North Korean prisoners have stated that the age group for conscription had been extended from 19 to 37 to include all males up to 55 years.

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